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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clements' Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GUTHRIE, 10, Abchurch Lane, E. C. BATES HENRY & Co., 57, Watlington, E. C. SAMUEL DICKSON & Co., 100 & 101, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—GALLES & PRYOR, 38, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GUTHRIE, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLE & Co., Singapore, QUEEN & Co. Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLAS & Co. Fuzhou, HONG & Co. Shanghai, LANE, CHAPMAN & Co., and KELLY & WATSON, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000.

INTEREST received on New Shares, 2,074,744.75

RESERVE FUND, \$2,500,000.

INTEREST received on New Shares, 1,663,361.66

SALE OF STOCK, \$4,063,361.66

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—A. P. McEwen, Esq.

Deputy Chairman—Hon. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.

C. D. BORTON, Esq.

H. L. DALEY, Esq.

H. L. DALEY, Esq.

W. H. FORBES, Esq.

W. H. FORBES, Esq.

Chief Manager—THOMAS JACOBSON, Esq.

Manager—E. W. CAMERON, Esq.

London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

Interest Allowed.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drifts granted in London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, April 2, 1884.

Notices of Firms.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MR. WILLIAM HENRY JACOBSON, in our Firm CEASED on the 30th April, 1884.

Mr. GERALD SLADE and Mr. ALFRED XANDER MCNACCHIE are this Day Admitted PARTNERS in our Firm.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong and Poonchew, 1st May, 1884.

Intimations.

1,450 PRIZES. 250,000. 1,450 PRIZES.

THE SYDNEY JOCKEY TURF CLUB'S MELBOURNE CUP CONSULTATION—1884.

MEMBERS £1. — RACE.

To be run on the Flemington Race Course, Melbourne, in November, 1884.

Distribution of Prizes:

First Prize, £2000, 1st and 2nd, £1000 each.

Second Prize, £1000, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 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THE SYDNEY JOCKEY TURF CLUB.

Be to inform the Sporting Public of China that they have made arrangements for holding a 250,000 Consultation on the forthcoming Melbourne Cup of 1884, when about 1,450 Prizes will be awarded to the Fortunate Holders of the winning Numbers. The Highest Prize being £2,000, and the Lowest £10. Less 15 per cent. for expenses. Winning Numbers can be forwarded for payment or collection to the Manager of any Bank, either in Sydney (N. S. Wales), or Melbourne (Victoria). Drawing will take place under the Committee of Management, about four clear days before the Day of Race. Receipt Slips are forwarded to all Subscribers. Any Subscriber can be present at the drawing either in person or by proxy, on making application to the Secretary in writing. Add 1/ for Reply and Result. Drafts or P. O. Orders to be made payable to JAMES WALLACE, Secretary, S. J. T. C., 209, Oxford Street, Sydney, Australia.

DRY DOCK AND PATENT SLIP, NAGASAKI.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT DOCK AND PATENT SLIP, at Nagasaki, and are prepared to supply Tenders for the DOCKING, CLIPPING, PAINTING, &c., of VESSELS. THE SERVICE WORKS in connection with the Dockyard are under the direction of experienced EXPERTS and possess all the necessary appliances for REPAIRS TO SHIPS AND MACHINERY.

HOLME, RINGER & Co.

Nagasaki, March, 1884.

Intimations.

WHIT MONDAY.

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undersigned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY NEXT, the 2nd June.

For the 'Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,' JOHN THURBURN, Manager.

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,' T. H. WHITEHEAD, Acting Manager.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,' T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the 'Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,' J. ARRANGER, Agent.

Hongkong, May 30, 1884.

NOTICE.

SAYLE & Co. beg to inform their Customers and the Public in general that in consequence of the Death of the SENIOR PARTNER, the BUSINESS carried on in HONGKONG will be CLOSED on or before the 31st day of AUGUST NEXT, and the whole of the STOCK is now offered at a REDUCTION of 25 % on the Market Prices. Special terms will be made for parcels of Goods over \$100 in value purchased at one time.

All Sales from this date will be for Cash only. Customers are requested to make immediate Payment of Amounts due by them to the late Firm.

SAYLE & Co., Victoria Exchange, Hongkong.

Hongkong, May 30, 1884.

NOTICE.

PERSONS desirous of Exchanging Soiled ONE DOLLAR NOTES for CLEAN ONES may do so at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION from this date.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 30, 1884.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that in Accordance with Resolution No. 2 passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held at the City Hall on the 30th December, 1883, ALL SHARES NOT TAKEN UP, and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th CALLS paid on or before the 30th JUNE NEXT, will be disposed of by the Directors in such manner as in their discretion, they shall think best in the Interests of the Corporation.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 24, 1884.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
 - 2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.
 - 3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at a time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.
 - 4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.
 - 5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.
 - 6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
 - 7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Ports by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any values.
 - 8.—Interest at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
 - 9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to the Bank to be filled up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
 - 10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
 - 11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.
 - 12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.
- For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
- Hongkong, April 25, 1884.

WITH Reference to the above, BUSINESS will be COMMENCED on the 1st MAY, 1884.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 26, 1884.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

(OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT)

A NEW SUPPLY JUST TO HAND OF SPRING HOSIERY.

UNDERSHIRTS and DRAWERS in SILK, THREAD, CRAFT and COTTON GAUZE.

New THREAD and COTTON HALF-HOSE.

New WASHING SCARFS and TIES.

The New 'Climax' UMBRELLA, guaranteed to wear well.

NAPIER JOHNSTONE'S SCOTCH WHISKY, a Very Fine Old Spirit, in square bottles.

Hongkong, April 19, 1884.

SAYLE & Co.

HAVE FOR SALE THE FOLLOWING NEW GOODS, EX LATE ARRIVALS.

KENSINGTON CARPETS, all WOOD, SEAMLESS, BORDERED and FRAMED, in NEW DESIGNS and COLORINGS. These CARPETS are INEXPENSIVE and DURABLE and are suitable for Summer use.

Gobelins TAPESTRY and CREPE CRETONNES in New Designs.

REVERSIBLE CRETONNES, Pattern both Sides.

EXCELSIOR SPRING MATTRESSES in all Sizes, to fit any BEDSTEAD.

PATENT WOVEN WIRE SPRING MATTRESSES in all Sizes.

HAMMOCK CHAIRS, LAWN TENNIS CHAIRS, CROQUET CHAIRS, CAMP STOOLS, &c., &c., &c.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Hongkong, May 7, 1884.

Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

A N Interim BONUS of 15 % upon Contributions for the Year 1883 has This Day been declared.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the above Office on and after the 10th Proximo.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, April 26, 1884.

Intimations.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that ORIGINAL SCRIPT CERTIFICATE No. 63, dated 31st December, 1880, for THREE (3) SHARES in the above Company, standing in Name of Mr. NINIAN CRAWFORD has been LOST, and should the same not be produced before the 10th JUNE NEXT, a NEW SCRIPT CERTIFICATE will be issued to Mr. NINIAN CRAWFORD for TWELVE NEW SHARES, in accordance with the Special Resolution subdividing each one Old Share into Four New Ones, and no Transaction taking place under the said ORIGINAL SCRIPT CERTIFICATE No. 63 will be recognized by the Company.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, May 26, 1884.

Intimations.

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER, 22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, COCK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Undersigned has REMOVED to the rear of his former place of Business, Entrance from Messrs. TURNER & Co.'s Lane.

WILLIAM DOLAN.

Hongkong, May 8, 1884.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

THIS Company now grants passages THROUGH to LONDON via Marseilles, including Continental Railway fares, at the same rate as for the route by sea to London, viz., \$360.

The fare to Marseilles is now similar to that charged to Brindisi or Venice, viz., \$365.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 13, 1884.

HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS, WYNDHAM STREET, HONGKONG.

THE Undersigned begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and the Coast Ports that he will RE-OPEN THE HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS on the 1st March.

The whole of the ROOMS have been newly FURNISHED throughout, and there are ROOMS suitable for either MARRIED COUPLES or SINGLE PASSENGERS. THE TABLE will be supplied with the BEST market can provide.

THE WINES and LIQUORS supplied, both at the Bar and Table, will be of the VERY BEST BRANDS.

GENTLEMEN desirous of taking Meals, such as TIFFINS and DINNERS, can have ALL REQUISITE information by applying to

GEORGE STAINFIELD, Proprietor.

Hongkong, February 28, 1884.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

ON and after the First June next, the STORE of the Undersigned will be REMOVED to the Premises lately in the occupation of Messrs. E. & A. SILVA & Co., No. 48, Queen's Road.

H. FOURNIER & Co., Storekeepers & Wine Merchants.

Hongkong, May 1, 1884.

For Sale.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT, BY DR. E. J. EITEL.

CHONG CHING, PP. 1018.

HONGKONG, 1877-1883.

Part I. A-K, ... \$2.50

Part II. K-M, ... \$2.50

Part III. M-T, ... \$3.00

Part IV. T-Z, ... \$3.00

A Reduction of ten per cent. will be allowed to purchasers of Ten or more copies.

This Standard Work on the Chinese Language, constructed on the basis of Kangxi's Imperial Dictionary, contains all Chinese characters in practical use, and while alphabetically arranged according to the sounds of the oldest dialect of China, the Cantonese, it gives also the Mandarin pronunciation of all characters explained in the book, so that its usefulness is by no means confined to the Cantonese Dialect, but the work is a practically complete Thesaurus of the whole Written Language of China, ancient and modern, as used all over the Empire, whilst its introductory chapters serve the purposes of a philological guide to the student.

A Supplement, arranged for being bound and used by itself, and containing a List of the Radicals, an Index, and a List of Surnames, will be published and sold separately.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 16, 1883.

PUBLICATIONS BY J. DYER BALL.

"CANTONESE MADE EASY"—A Book of SIMPLE SENTENCES in the CANTONESE COLLOQUIAL with French and Literal Translations; and Directions for Reading English Grammatical Forms into Chinese and vice versa.—Price, \$2. Interleaved Copies, \$2.50.

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What a mistake! I believe that, if every town in France had a Waterloo Place and a Sodan Street, the remembrance of the empire would remain engraved on their hearts for a long time to come.

John Bull executes more criminals than all the other European States put together.* Extenuating circumstances are not taken into consideration in trials for murder. It is sufficient, in England, to be convicted of having wilfully taken the life of a man to forfeit one's life. The law makes no distinction between one who has committed murder in a moment of passion or jealousy, and one who has long premeditated the death of his victim to satisfy the basest of motives.

During my visit to the United-States, I visited the city of Jacksonville, I saw the inhabitants of country and city, and most of the crimes had been committed, spontaneously from commitments for the purpose of bringing the criminal to justice. This is all very well, but the occupation of amateur detective is no ugly one. A criminal may be true, he is an enemy of mankind; still, he cannot help feeling pleased to know that the "cheat" has been detected, and he will willingly track, arrest, condemn, and hang him. In England, when the perpetrator of a crime cannot be found, the police have the walls of the town covered with placards, offering a reward of £100, £200, £300 pounds sterling, according to the gravity of the crime, to whoever will give up information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the criminal. This plan often succeeds, especially in Ire-

often obtains his own pardon by denouncing his confederates; the approver has always played an important part in the proceedings of the courts.

Hanging gives instantaneous death, and causes no suffering, say the English, and this may be; but the rope often breaks, and the man has known many times to hang over his work more than once. He has had practice enough; he ought to know the ropes by this time.

A prayer of hanging to the English.

Whilst the Shah of Persia was on his way to England, he wanted to see how the English executed their criminals. The sight of Eastern execution is a favourite entertainment of Eastern monarchs. Accompanied by a numerous retinue, he went to Newgate, the London Gaol. Grand was his disappointment upon hearing that the rope gave instantaneous death. However, he decided upon seeing how the apparatus worked, and desired the governor of the prison to be good enough to execute a criminal on the spot.

"I will consent to him that there were no criminals living under sentence of death," said then. He was about to leave his home, but when, recollecting himself, he cried, "That's no objection; I will let you have one of my wife."

The London folks have not forgotten it yet.

* See Appendix B.

PEOPLE call a man a dog on account of his wasteful ways.

"Don't be afraid! said a snub to a German labourer. 'Sit down and make yourself my equal,' I would half to blow my brains out," was the reply of the Teuton.

IRISH professor in chemistry: "The substances you see in this phial is the most deadly of all poisons. A single drop placed on the tongue of a cat is enough to kill the strongest man."

TOGETHER they were looking over the paper. "Oh, my, how funny!" said she. "What is it?" he asked. "Why, here's an advertisement that says, 'No reasonable person will be taken in by a good advertisement.' What a good advertisement!"

"Nothing, nothing," she replied, trying to blush, "only those are my sentiments."

A GENTLEMAN having playfully awarded a kick of his foot from the head of a young lady to whom he was attached, although his foot made no formal declaration, received next day from her a letter urgently requesting the restitution of the stolen kick. To this he replied as follows:—

"By one of my recurrences can I be led to this? With this beautiful right to part; I have no doubt I have done you good; You must give me the key of your heart."

Station.	Temperature of air at 5 feet and wind mill.	Temperature of surface of water.	Humidity.	Direction and force of wind.	Force of wind.	Direction of surface current.	Force of surface current.	Direction of bottom current.	Force of bottom current.
Hongkong.....	29.80	28.84	WSW	1	0	—	—	—	—
Amoy.....	29.70	28.87	W	3	0	—	—	—	—
Swatow.....	29.68	28.74	S	3	0	—	—	—	—
Poochoo.....	29.74	27.60	NE	2	0	—	—	—	—
Shanghai.....	29.67	28.46	NNW	5	0	—	—	—	—
Amoy.....	29.60	28.31	S	4	0	—	—	—	—
Swatow.....	29.40	28.11	SE	2	0	—	—	—	—

Hongkong Observatory, May 31.

At 10 A.M.—May 31.

Manila.....	29.83	28.52	ENE	1	0	—	—	—	—
Hongkong.....	29.80	28.27	NNE	1	0	—	—	—	—
Amoy.....	29.77	28.15	NE	3	0	—	—	—	—
Swatow.....	29.73	28.06	WSW	1	0	—	—	—	—
Shanghai.....	29.72	28.11	WSW	3	0	—	—	—	—
Amoy.....	29.62	28.30	—	0	0	—	—	—	—

The Barometer and the Temperature have

variations moderate to S.W. winds.
 W. DOBELSK,
 Government Astronomer,
 Hong Kong Observatory, May 31.

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Station.	Previous day at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer.....	29.70	29.80	29.75
Temperature.....	79.8	82.4	82.3
Humidity.....	67	54	54.5
Direction of wind.....	—	N.E.S.E	E.S.E
Force.....	0	1	3
Weather.....	0	c	b
Rain.....	—	—	—

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1. BAROMETER, reduced to 33 degrees Fahrenheit, sea level, and to the level of the sea in such cases, tenths and hundredths.
 2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in degrees, and tenths, Fahrenheit.
 3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the sensibility of air saturated with moisture being

4. Direction of wind, to two points.
5. Force of Wind, according to Beaufort scale.
6. State of Weather. *b* blue sky, *c* detached clouds, *d* drizzling rain, *f* fog, *g* gloomy, hail, *l* lightning, *o* overcast, *p* passing showers, *r* equally, *s* rain, *s* snow, *t* thunder, *v* visibility (wet). The letters are repeated to indicate any increase over the average of their classification.
7. Rains, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

The Earthquake in England.

Below are appended some interesting particulars of the recent earthquake in England, taken from a London daily.

The shock at Colchester was felt about 11.20, turning people who had not already risen out of their beds, unrolling houses, and splitting walls. About 40 feet of the stone spire of the Congregational Church broke off, and fell with a loud crash, partly into Lion-walk and partly on to the roof of the church. Many other houses were undoubtedly damaged, and a number of people were injured. The shock commenced with a rumbling sound, increasing in intensity for about 20 seconds, until it seemed as if the houses were coming down, and as if the doors in alarm, fearing an explosion had occurred. The police and fire brigade assembled and went down to the Gas-works, but all was comparatively safe there, only slight damage having been sustained. The damage sustained in the town is estimated at 10,000. At the North Railway Station the 9.20 train, just about to start, raked so much, that the driver was thrown off the engine on to the platform. Much excitement was created amongst the passengers, and it was feared that an explosion had taken place. The shock was intensely felt in the Camp and Barracks. The Colchester Water Tower seemed to rise and subside without sustaining any damage. Much anxiety has been occasioned as to the probability of a second shock. Business was practically suspended at once, and schools and factories were immediately closed, and crowds of people filled the streets. In all directions fallen chimneys and portions of buildings were visible, and for some moments walking was in considerable danger, as walking through the streets. The Playhouse and the public-house at Head-gate appear to have been considerably shaken, a gap being made between it and Mr. Fuller's sale-room; the window-sills are also split, and the force of the shock is in the walls, and in the roof. The house of Mr. Johnson, plumber, &c., Lion-walk, was standing at his father's door looking at the Lion-walk Church when the shock came. He saw the spire rent and fall, and saw the spire rent and fall, and saw the spire rent and fall.

At the schoolhouse at West Mersea the children, 140 in number, had a narrow escape, the building being partially unroofed, the falling bricks and tiles creating the most fearful scene among them; but the master with great presence of mind, ran to the door and returned to his class until they could leave the building in an orderly manner. It is satisfactory to find that the earthquake has been confined to the locality at Row Hedge, no lives have been lost in this remarkable occurrence, which, considering the immensity of the destruction to property, is remarkable to a degree.

The following Rules regarding signalling at the Port are published for general information. By Command, FREDERICK STEWART, Acting Colonial Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th February, 1893.

1. The Union Jack will be hoisted at the Mast Head when any vessel is being signalled.

2. The Commercial Code of Signals for all Nations will be used at the Station.

3. All Signals made by vessels in the Offing will be repeated.

4. When a Steamer, or the smoke of the Steamer, is sighted, the Compass Bearing at the Yard Arm, and the Distance of the Steamer, will be hoisted. If, when the vessel is made out, she is not a Mail Steamer, the Vessel's Distinguishing Flag will be substituted for the Compass Signal, and it will be kept flying until the ship anchors. The Distance Signal will be kept up fifteen minutes after the Steamer is made out.

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6. If a Flag showing that an Officer of high rank is on board an incoming vessel, or a similar Flag will be shown above the Mast, or the Flag alone will be hoisted at the Mast Head.

7. The approach of Men-of-War and Sailing Vessels will be notified by their proper Signals and National Colours, or House Flags, at the Quarter of the Yard, or at the Yard Arm.

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Money Orders.

1.—Money Orders are exchanged with the following countries:—

Ceylon, South Australia, India, Straits Settlements, Japan, Tasmania, New South Wales, United Kingdom, Port Darwin, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia.

2.—The Hongkong Post Office also issues orders on Shanghai, and vice versa.

3.—The commission is as follows:—(according to the currency the order is drawn in):—

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